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reporter in the Sixth Judicial District and served for a number of years. He was the author of the book, "Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," published in 1909.

ELI C. PERKINS was born at Bethel, Maine, August 30, 1850, and died at his home at Delhi, Iowa, October 10, 1916. He came to Iowa in his youth, attended public school and was graduated from Lenox College, Hopkinton, in 1875 and from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1879. The same year he began the practice of law at Delhi. From 1887 to 1893 he served as county attorney of Delaware County. In 1908 he was elected representative, and re-elected in 1910, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. In 1912 he was elected senator and served as such in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies. As a lawyer he had the confidence of the courts, the bar and the public to an unusual degree. As a legislator he proved one of the most useful. He was the author of the law providing for the sterilization of certain inmates of insane hospitals, etc. He was also the author of the Perkins Law which created a hospital at the State University that gives free surgical treatment to all children.

OLIVER H. FRINK was born at Elkhart, Indiana, May 26, 1848, and died at Shenandoah, Iowa, July 25, 1916. He was left an orphan at the age of five years. He then came to Kewanee, Illinois, and made his home with a married sister. His education was obtained in the common school. In 1864 he enlisted in the One hundred and twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry. In about a year he was transferred to the Thirty-third Illinois Infantry. Returning to Illinois at the close of the war he remained there until 1871 when he removed to Page County, Iowa, where he farmed for several years, and then conducted a general store at Bingham two years. In 1889 he was elected treasurer of Page County and was twice re-elected, serving six years in that office. In 1895 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra General Assembly, and was re-elected and served in the Twenty-seventh. Moving to Shenandoah he served as mayor of that city several terms, and he also acted as deputy county treasurer at Shenandoah.

MAJOR THOMAS C. GILPIN was born at New London, Ohio, September 27, 1832, and died at Winterset, Iowa, December 21, 1916. He was educated at Mount Carmel and at Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, taught school a few years, read law with Hackelman & Clark, Rushville, Indiana, and was admitted to the bar there in 1856. He served as prosecuting attorney for Rush and Decatur counties, In-

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